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A Note from the Author

AT LAST, *GAKUEN PRINCE* HAS MADE IT TO ITS SECOND ANNIVERSARY! WE ONLY MADE IT THIS FAR BECAUSE OF ALL YOU LOYAL *GAKUEN PRINCE* READERS OUT THERE. I DON'T KNOW HOW LONG THE SERIES WILL LAST, BUT I'LL DO MY BEST, SO I HOPE YOU'LL KEEP READING!!

—JUN YUZUKI

Honorifics Explained

In this manga book, you will find Japanese honorifics left intact in the translations. For those not familiar with how the Japanese use honorifics and, more important, how they differ from American honorifics, we present this brief overview.

Politeness has always been a critical facet of Japanese culture. Ever since the feudal era, when Japan was a highly stratified society, use of honorifics—which can be defined as polite speech that indicates relationship or status—has played an essential role in the Japanese language. When addressing someone in Japanese, an honorific usually takes the form of a suffix attached to one's name (example: "Asuna-san"), is used as a title at the end of one's name, or appears in place of the name itself (example: "Negi-sensei," or simply "Sensei!").

Honorifics can be expressions of respect or endearment. In the context of manga and anime, honorifics give insight into the nature of the relationship between characters. Many English translations leave out these important honorifics and therefore distort the feel of the original Japanese. Because Japanese honorifics contain nuances that English honorifics lack, it is our policy not to translate them. Here, instead, is a guide to some of the honorifics you may encounter in our manga.

- san: This is the most common honorific and is equivalent to Mr., Miss., Ms., Mrs. It is the all-purpose honorific and can be used in any situation where politeness is required.
- sama: This is one level higher than "-san" and is used to confer great respect.
- dono: This comes from the word "tono," which means "lord." It is an even higher level than "-sama" and confers utmost respect.
- kun: This suffix is used at the end of boys' names to express familiarity or endearment. It is also sometimes used by men among friends, or when addressing someone younger or of a lower station.
- chan: This is used to express endearment, mostly toward girls. It is also used for little boys, pets, and even among lovers. It gives a sense of childish cuteness.

Bozu: This is an informal way to refer to a boy, similar to the English terms "kid" and "squirt."

Sempai/Senpai: This title suggests that the addressee is one's senior in a group or organization. It is most often used in a school setting, where underclassmen refer to their upperclassmen as "sempai." It can also be used in the workplace, such as when a newer employee addresses an employee who has seniority in the company.

Kohai: This is the opposite of "sempai" and is used toward underclassmen in school or newcomers in the workplace. It connotes that the addressee is of a lower station.

Sensei: Literally meaning "one who has come before," this title is used for teachers, doctors, or masters of any profession or art.

-[blank]: This is usually forgotten in these lists, but it is perhaps the most significant difference between Japanese and English. The lack of honorific means that the speaker has permission to address the person in a very intimate way. Usually, only family, spouses, or very close friends have this kind of permission. Known as *yobisute*, it can be gratifying when someone who has earned the intimacy starts to call one by one's name without an honorific. But when that intimacy hasn't been earned, it can be very insulting.

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◆ Episode 5 ◆
The Sorrows of Young
Rise Okitsu





Gakuen Prince is starting





Commonly known as
"Jyōshi High."

This is our school.
It's really traditional
and prestigious.

"Jyōshioka
Gakuen
Private High
School"





the girl
chosen to
be the one
is...

And...

The
plainest
girl in
school.

Rise
Okitsu.

What I
want the
most...

Rise.
Rise!
Rise!!

A quiet
morning.

...is for
people to
leave me
alone.

Hey, Rise.

Okitsu.



Ohhh!
You're so
annoying!!

!?

Huh?
What's with
your bag?

Are you
being bullied
again?!

I told you
to tell me
about these
things...

That
was
close.

Why are
you mad?

And it'll
get more
complicated
if you get
involved!

Ohhhh.
It's OK.
It's not much
compared to
before.

If you
want him,
you have to go
through me!
Get ready to
bleed!!

Azusa
Mizutani's
mine!!

Anyways,
I prepared myself
for anything
when we traded
our ties.

I've told you a hundred times,
but it's only until you find a girlfriend!

TOUCHED

Rise...

Okitsu-san!
Mizutani-kun!

Not my problem!

But in this school right?

Good mornin'.

They all look like beasts in girl's clothing.
It'll be really hard finding one.

An-chan,
good mornin'!

Let me take your picture.

Look at me!

KYAAA
KYAAA
So cute!

CHATTER

Anzai-
kuuuuuun.

You look cute today too.





KYAAAAAA

Munechika-sama!

Akamaru-kun!

So
gorgeous!







Hey, look.

Woww.

It's the
S-class
people.

They're
gorgeous.

The S-class
people have a
different aura
than the rest
of us!













That again.

It's none
of your
business.

Ahhh.

Yeah,
yeah.

A plain girl like
her can never
really satisfy
you.

You
know?

There's a rumor
going around that
you're just using
that girl to escape
from the others.

!!

... why else
would you
choose a girl
like her?

Everyone's
saying that...

What?

Huh?

No
way.



Just let us know when you want to have some fun.

Holy shit!!

Ohhh...

Is the rumor really true?

By the way I saw him up close for the first time. Isn't he super cute?

Hmm.
He reacted normally, I think.

How did Mizutani-kun react?

I'll find them out for sure!!

My intuition's always right.









You there,
Munechika?!

CLATTER!

Give me
one too.

Smoke.

I've had it.

Ohhhh.

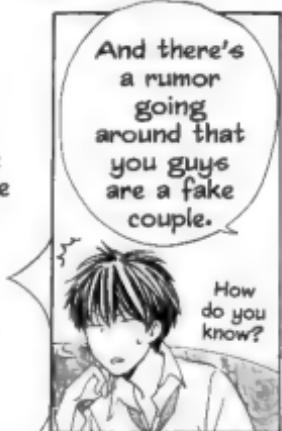
What's
wrong?

Knock
before
you
come
in.

PLOP

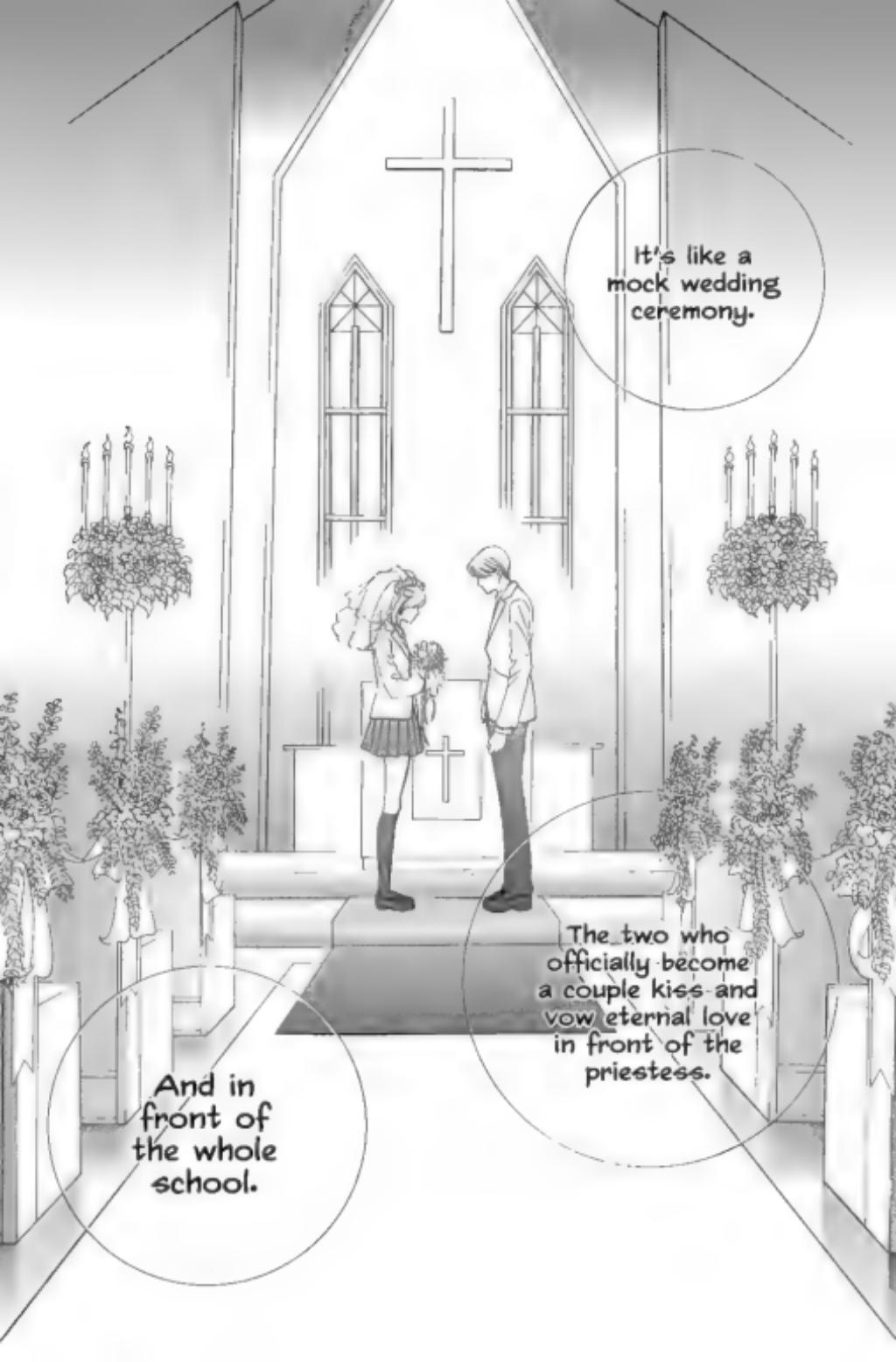
STOMP

スカズカ









It's like a
mock wedding
ceremony.

And in
front of
the whole
school.

The two who
officially become
a couple kiss and
vow eternal love
in front of the
priestess.

Look at
these
goose
bumps!!



Do
that?

Me?

No
fucking
way!!

Why do I
have to go
through such
a humiliating
farce?!

Mizutani.
Think
about it.
It's an
oppor-tu-nity...

This is
fuckin'
stupid!

Give me
a break!

The girls
love these
kind of
events.

Being the
center of
attention
and envied
by others.

It will raise
your status
to be the
star of this
ceremony.





Ochibou-san!

In
public...

SHIVER

SHIVER

K...

Kiss...

Kyaaaa!
My
handmade
Ryan!

RIP!

Fiancailles

Hearts



Rise.



Sorry
about
earlier.

Stop
pouting.

Will
ya?

KYAAAAA
CHATTER
Stop
showing
off!
I can't
stand
it!

Let's go
somewhere
where we can
be alone.

I'm really
sorry, but
please attend
this ceremony
with me.



My future safety depends on this!

Please!!

I beg you!!

And, the kiss...

Not a chance!!

Pretending to be your girlfriend is one thing, but this is another! Why do I have to participate in such an embarrassing ceremony?!

Not on your life! Never with an idiot like you!!

I know it's embarrassing!! That's why I'm begging you.



You
bonehead!!

I'm all nice
to you and
this is how
you treat
me!

You
bitch...

Who
needs a
bitch like
you!!



Did he
learn that
in grade
school?



I'm rubber
and you're
glue, what
bounces off
me sticks to
you!!

Stupid!
Stupid!

Parting
shot.





I heard
that.
♥



Oh,
who
cares!!

I'm
going
home.

He
should
know
that I
can't do
that!



What is
he think-
ing?







I warned you,
didn't I?

To stay
away from
Mizutani?



◆ Episode 6
**Azusa Mizutani, or,
the Unbearable Lightness
of Mind**



Gakuen Prince











You
guys
have a
secret.
♥

I heard all
about it.



Heh heh.

Who're
you?



Do you
wanna...

?
?
?
GIGGLE



I refuse.

Instead
of Rise
Okitsu...

... let me
attend the
Fiançailles
with you.

You're in
a real bad
situation
here!!

ARGHHHHH!!
Think
before you
answer!

Please!!
beg you!!

My future
safety
depends on
this!

And,
the
issue...

Pretending
to be your
girlfriend is
one thing, but
this is another!
Why do I have
to participate
in such an
embarrassing
ceremony??

I heard
it clearly
with
my own
ears!!

The
truth
that you
two are
**a fake
couple!!!**

I'm really
sorry but
please attend
this ceremony
with me.







'Cuz Akamaru-kun's father is a big-name politician.

Scandals are bad news.

GO PALE

She wanted to have his baby, but I heard that Akamaru-kun's parents dragged her to the hospital to get rid of it.

Deleting items in her brain.



Mizutani



Akamaru
the Fiancailles

Okay, I'll never go near him again.

Yep.

And the Fiancailles is coming up too.

Okitsu-san and Mizutani-kun love each other.

I didn't know he was such a shady guy.

Don't say things like that!!

SHOOTOUT

He didn't seem so dangerous though...

No, can't be. He didn't tell me anything bad.

Could this be "silence money"?!

Eraser...



I need her for the Fi-whatchamacallit.

I guess I'd better apologize to Okitsu.

And there's that weird girl too.

I handled that badly.

I hate to admit it, but I'm at the disadvantage.



Can I have one?
Gimme.



What's that?

Bread?

Looks yummy.



We are on Akamaru-kun's side.

Let's go.

Tell her to keep out of our territory.

You have a girlfriend. Ask her to make one for you!

We baked these muffins for Akamaru-kun.

Sorry...

Akamaru?

Huh?
What?

CURLY
CURLY

Oh, that curly perm?

Azusa's image of Akamaru.













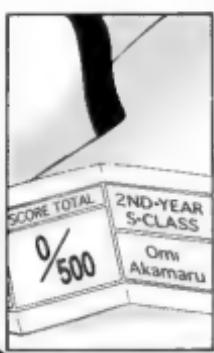
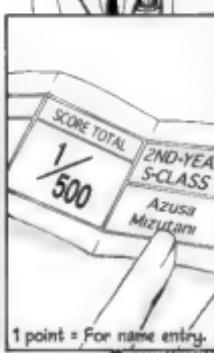


What?

Huh?

Do discipline
committee
members get
to butt into
people's lives
too?

Guys
like you
disgust
me.



I'll stop the
Fiançailles.





Meet me at
the classroom
after school
today!!

Need to talk about
Fi-whatchamacallit!!



Why's
he here
instead of
Mizutani?!

















What is
this?

I'll stop the
Fiancailles.

So that's
why...

C3.
FWIP

AZURE!

"Til I find
a girl-
friend,
my ass!

She's
already
found
someone
else.



Did you develop some feelings of jealousy?

Well.



Me?

Jealousy?

A real couple?

Everyone's making a fuss because you pretend it, Mizutani.

The best thing to do is become a real couple with Rise Okita.

Huh?!



That's
bullshit.





The best message Akamaru can give.

Gakuen Prince's [Full Disclosure] Rough Draft

I draw my rough draft on the back of sales circulars
'Cuz I'm poor!!

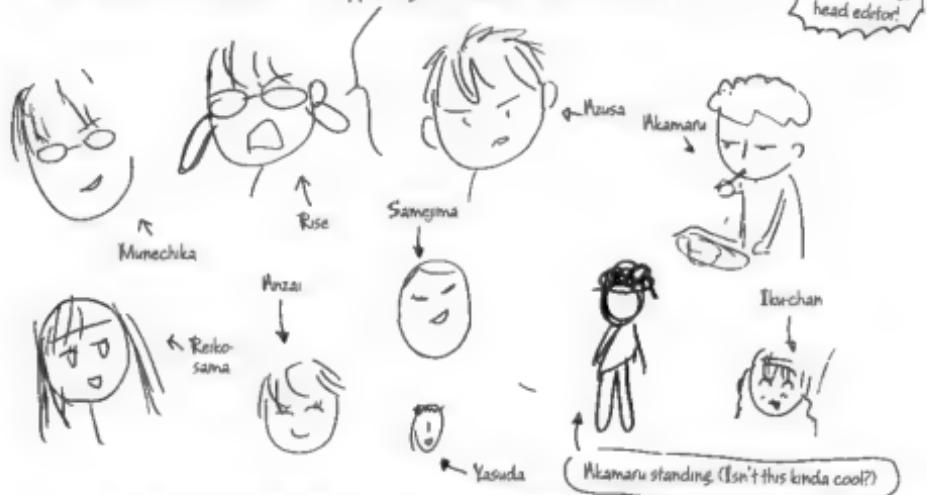
"I can't tell who's who. And I can't read your writing." → I can't read it myself sometimes.

"Can't tell who's who, and I also can't figure out what they're doing."

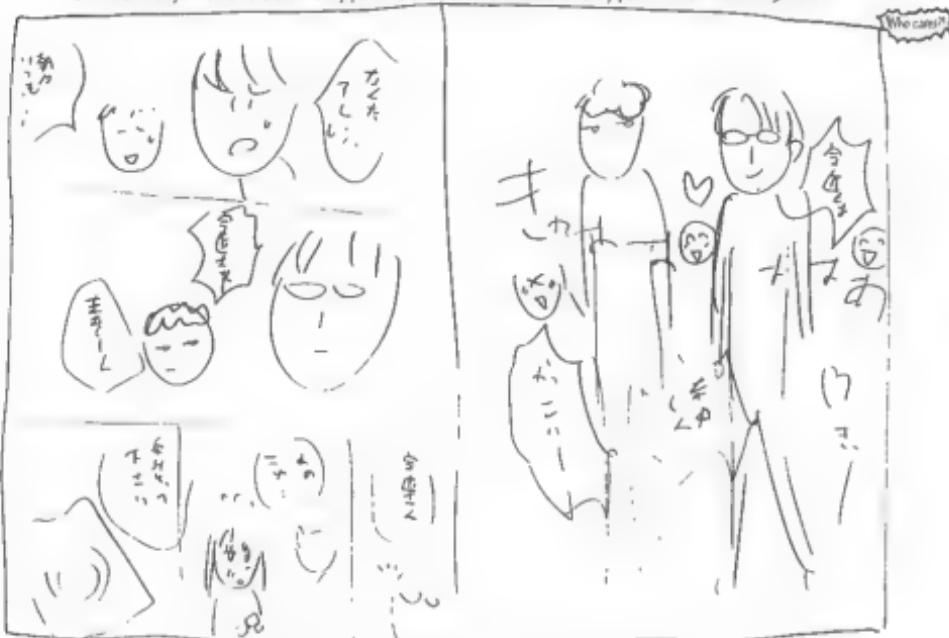
"I mean, it's indecipherable." I'm going to reveal my very popular rough draft, which has a reputation like the above from people around me.

Not only that, since I change the story so much in my rough sketches, I was told that "I have no idea what's happening until the final draft is sent to us."

Please stop such gambling, head editor!



The reason why Akamaru's called "curly perm" is because he's drawn with curly perm'd hair in the rough draft





Don't let
him walk all
over you
like this.

Episode 7

"Horiko Fuwa—Perhaps a Vice Amply Rewarded"

That was
surprising...

Th...



STOMP

STOMP

Azusa

Azusa

I'll always
stand by
you.

You're
dad's
treasure.

KYAAA!

BAM!

Shit!

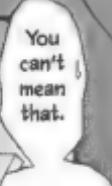




Who the fuck
are you anyway?



Let me go.
You're annoying.



You
can't
mean
that.



Huh?
Hell if I
know.



You said
you'd attend
the Fiançailles
with me,
didn't you?



What a
humilia-
tion...

In this
school... !!

You think
a male like
you can
embarrass
a female...

...and
get
away
with
it?!!!

This is
inexcus-
able.

What's
so great
about
her?

I won't
forgive
you.

GNAW

Rise
Okitsu!!!









Don't let
him walk all
over you
like this.



I like him...



... maybe.





I have power only as a member of the disciplinary committee.

You've got it wrong, Mizutani.

That's because they want me to play that role.

The girls worship you. They call you "Munechikar sama."

Oh, you're kidding!

In order to avoid getting on the wrong side of them.

In this female society, we're just playing the roles they fantasize.







Will you
stop
pushing me
arou...

Hey,
Azusa
Mizutani!

I have
a bad
feeling...

I've heard
this sound
before...

ZZZT
ZZZT!

You
awake?



Azusa
said he'll
attend it
with me!!

Not
with
you!!

What?



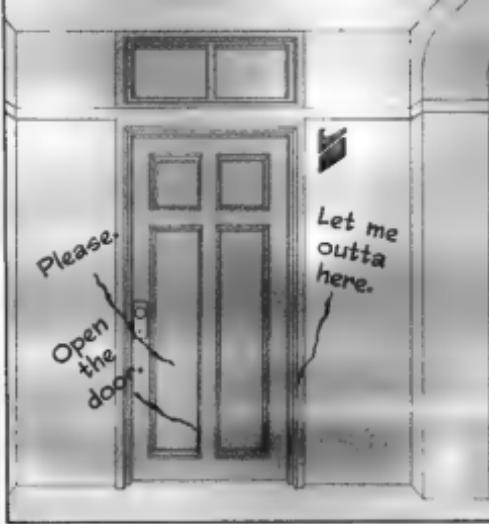
SLAM

Stay here until
tomorrow's...

... Fiançailles
is over.







GLARE

Remember,
your best ally
has always
been yourself!!

Get a
grip,
Rise
Okitsu!!

DROOP

"7"

CRAAASH

GRP

!







... had it
covered.

He...



I feel
like...

... such
a fool.



Somebody!
THUMP
THUMP

I'm getting outta
here no matter
what and I'm going
to whack that
idiot!!!

Anyone
there?!



That
jerk...

Somebody.

Anybody..

Somebody.

Stupid
Mizutani!!

Hurry
up and
come
rescue
me!

Okitsu!

Are you
okay?

Azusa
Mizutani!!

WHAM!

Get
away
from
the
door!

Y...

... Yeah.





Sigh.

FAINT

Azusa
Mizutani...

Okitsu

THUD

...stupid.

Nurse's
Office

WHAM!

Munechika!

I heard you
found Okitsu...



Mizutani.



...
Huh?

Let me
punch
you, just
once.

SLAP!

What were
you doing?

It's your job
to protect her
responsibly.

She helped you,
knowing the risk
that the whole
school might
turn against her.





...to... stay away from Mizutani!

Akamaru-kun told me...



He probably couldn't stand it that Mizutani is taking advantage of your kindness.

Akamaru

... may not look it, but he has a stronger sense of justice than others.



If it's too
hard for you,
it's all right
to take off
the tie.

Okitsu-
kun.

It's all right
for you to
make your
own choice.

I'm sorry I told
you to take care
of Mizutani. It
was irresponsible
of me.

You don't have
to sacrifice
yourself for
him.



Look.

I'll just
pretend to
kiss you.

...
Okay.

SIGH



...I want
to break
up.

But when
things
have calmed
down...



★ Greetings ★

Hello. It's me, Yuzuki.

It's volume 2 of *Gakuen Prince*.

I'm glad it got published without any trouble.
I'm still having a hard time empathizing with Rise,
and am tearing my hair out every time...

Rise-chan ..Please open up to me more! ↗ ↘

Many manga artists say that

The characters write themselves.

don't they?

Is that for real? I've had some experience creating mangas but...

Never happened. No such miracles for me.

What kinda spell did they use?

I guess I'm still a fledgling... Hang in there, me. ☆

Of course

Balse!

I used the
wrong spell

Also, I don't know what to do with Akamaru. He's...difficult...

I was going to hold him back for a while, but he intruded suddenly...it was unexpected.

My mind is like Azusa's, so I curse him,

"Qurt acting aloof and cool~~~~~" when I'm drawing him.

Is this what they meant by characters writing themselves?! { Balse! } Wrong spell again.

And ironically, Akamaru is the most popular character by far Arghhhh.rr

Everyone! Please root for Azusa!! For Azusa!!! He's one of the lead characters!!

He's stupid, but he's a good boy at heart...probably. (I like easy to control characters.)

If Azusa keeps losing to Akamaru...

Akamaru Long-hair Project will be forcefully executed.

(His popularity will take a nosedive for sure.)

I'm so desperate.

For the obi of volume 2's first edition books...!!

I got a comment from my mega favorite ☆ Chiaki Kuriyama ☆ -sah!!

I... I'm so happy~~~~~. Tears ☆ Thank you very much.

Everyone, make sure to get the first edition =)

Well then, see you in the next volume.

Thank you very much for reading ???

I love
Gogo Kuban
of "Kill Bill"

March 22, 2007

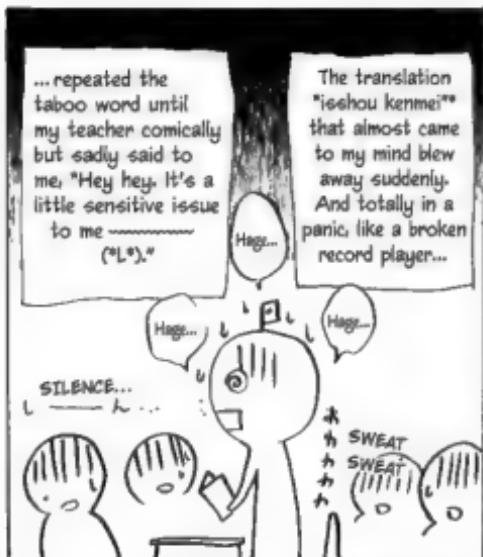
Yuzuki



A Memory of My School Days



*Japanese word "hageshiku": hard, severely, etc.



"ieshou kenmei": hard, with all one's might, etc.

Bittersweet memory. ↗



The
Day
of the
Fian-
çailles.

Rise Okitsu's
next target is
Omi Akamaru

11°
FLUTTER...
Rise Okitsu's
next target is
Omi Akamaru!!

◆ Episode 8 ◆

I'll Leave You
without Hesitation





Munehika slapped with his non-dominant hand.

Gakuen Prince



Wow!
You look
so cool!





I'll be
glad to
see the
last of
him.



He has
a new
girlfriend
waiting.

Once this
is over,
everything
will be
finished.

Why?
Bunny ears are
cute. I'm sure Mizutani-kun
will like it too.

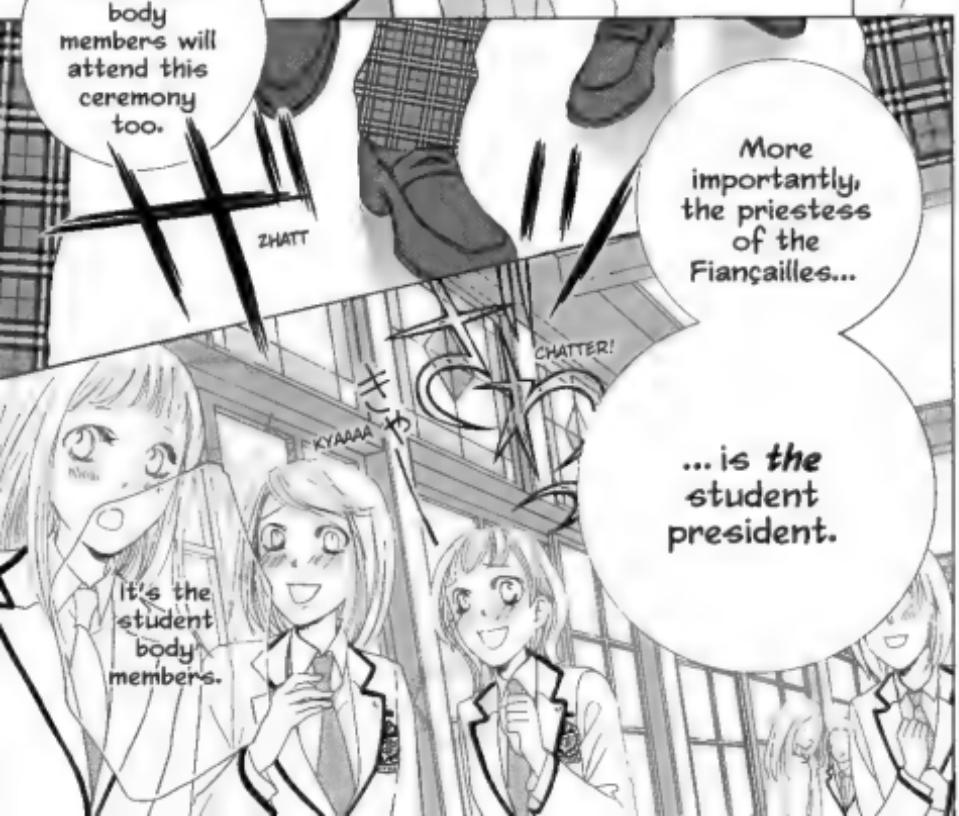
No he
won't!!



It'd better
be true.

Munechika.





This is stupid.

Why do we have to attend the ceremony?

I heard that they made a big scene in the second year wing recently?

Watch your mouth, Lori.

She must be worth seeing, right?

She's the girl Munehika took the trouble to bring into S-class.

Vice-president.

It's time to meet the president at the door.

FOOM



ヲ
RUSTLE

The
Student
President!

She's so
beautiful.

I want
to be
held.

Reiko-
sama...

Reiko
Onitsuka-
sama.

The
Fiançailles
will start in a
moment.

Please
take your
seats.

The
Fiançailles
will...

Rise Okitsu and
Azusa Mizutani are
a fake couple!

Rise Okitsu's
next target is
Akamaru!!







Hang
in there,
me!!

This is
worse
than I ever
imagined!!



In the name of the
Father, the Son,
and the Holy Spirit,
Reiko Onitsuka,
will perform this
Fiançailles as the
priestess.

Azusa
Mizutani.

Do you swear
to love and
cherish Risa
Okitsu in
sickness and in
health, as long
as you live?



Rie Okitsu, do you swear to love and cherish Azusa Mizutani, in sickness and in health, as long as you live?

I do.

I do.

It's a pretend kiss.

It's a pretend kiss.

B-BMP
B-BMP

I can't take it...

ARGH

Please end quickly.

Now, the kiss to seal your vow.

He's feeling sick.

120th

SPLASH!



SPLASH

SPLASH

SWISH



Get outta here!

Fake couple!!



There's no point in doing this ceremony.

Give Mizutani-kun back!

SPLASH

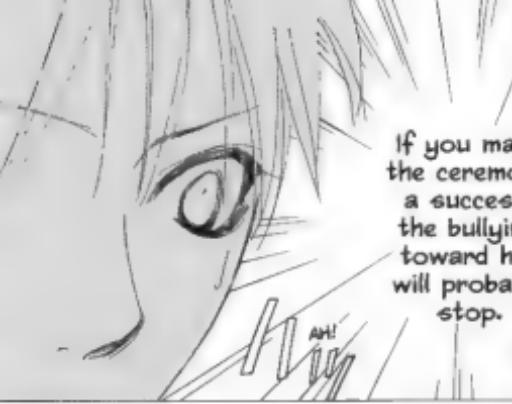
WAH-H-H

You gonna do it with Akamaru-kun too?!

WAH-H-H







If you make
the ceremony
a success,
the bullying
toward her
will probably
stop.

Hey!

Stop...

WAH-H-H

WAH-H-H

100%
SPLASH!

HA HA HA HA HA



WAH-H-H

Mizutani...

Get out

But...
this
is...

I
can't...

take
it...

...any-
more...

VOLTAIC

SPLASH!

There's
no time
for
that!!





Stop this
immature
behavior!

That's
enough!!

SILENCE...

What
is this
place?

Just because
there's a
majority of
girls, that's
not what
makes this
school crazy.

It's because
your brains
are all
rotten!!

We're not
a fake
couple!!

Okitsu's
the only
normal one
here!

I'll show
no mercy,
even
against
girls!!

If you lay
a hand on
my girl...













SLIP...

What
does he
mean?

CHATTER
+ "7 CHATTER
+ "7

Every-
one.

I'd like a
word with
you.

The people
who threw
raw eggs at
Rise Okitsu-
san...

SNEAK
SNEAK...

A little
while ago at
this sacred
Fiançailles...

...there was
some very
inappropriate
behavior that
profaned
this pledging
ceremony.

Sayaka Minami-san
from second year
E-class. Yoshiko
Kurano-san and Naomi
Iwai-san from second
year F-class.

ARGH!

EEK!
Yûko Masuda-san
and Kazue Miura-
san from second
year C-class. Chie
Kawakami-san and
Tomoyo Ishii-san
from second year
D-class.

URK

Kana Sugimoto-san,
Youko Nakaniishi-san,
Noriko Hashimoto-san
from second year A-
class. Mari Nagashima-
san from second year
B-class.







That's what pisses me off!!



You're only thinking about yourself!

That's why you don't notice Azusa's kindness!







DASH!

What
was that
bullshit
about?

THUMP!

You should've
just returned
the tie.

If you wanted to
stop the bullying,
you didn't need
the Fiançailles.

... thinking
about yourself.

You're only...



... Yeah,
maybe so.

It wouldn't
be amusing
to me...

...if
she went
straight to
you.

SWING





I don't
need you
to worry
about me!
Bullying is
nothing!!!

Don't
underestimate
me!

Why did
you try
to be a
hero???

You're
the one
who'll be
in trouble
without
me!!







Hey, you
can smile.

CHUB

SMACK

Gotcha.

Yeahhh
SHIVER

SHIVER

SHIVER



He's stupid
but likeable.



He can't
be trusted.

Oh. Huh?
Come to
think of it.
Where did it
go?

By the
way,
where's
my tie?



That's all.

!!
Hey.... !!

Yeah,
I don't like
him.

Translation Notes

Japanese is a tricky language for most Westerners, and translation is often more art than science. For your edification and reading pleasure, here are notes on some of the places where we could have gone in a different direction with our translation of the work, or where a Japanese cultural reference is used.

Episode titles, page 2

All the episode titles for this manga series are named after famous works of literature. For example, episode five's title is taken from *The Sorrows of Young Werther*, a novel written by the German writer Johann Wolfgang von Goethe. However, the stories are totally different than the original novels.



Kyaaa, page 10

Kyaaa is an onomatopoeia used frequently in manga. It is mostly used by girls, expressing joy, fear, surprise, etc.

No.1 host of Kabukichō, page 15

There's a district called Kabukichō in Shinjuku, Tokyo, Japan. There are many restaurants, nightclubs, hostess bars, host bars, etc. in this area. At the host bar, men called "hosts" drink with and entertain the guests, which are mostly women. For these "hosts," it is a goal to become the No.1 popular host in the Kabukichō district.

In this scene Munechika said, "I dare you to climb up to our position" to Azusa. It sounded like something a No.1 host may say to other hosts who are striving to be on top.





Miss Kintarō Manjyū, page 52

Kintarō is the childhood name of Kintoki Sakata, a samurai who is said to have lived in the Heian period in Japan. The legends say that Kintarō was a very strong boy and he used to wrestle with the bears. Because of these legends, there are many folk stories and nursery tales about Kintarō. But we don't know if he really existed.

By the way, there is a hot spring in Toyama prefecture called Kintarō Onsen, and they sell Kintarō Manjyū there. *Manjyū* is a bun with bean-jam filling, and is a very popular Japanese-style confectionery.

The author made up this beauty contest "Miss Kintarō Manjyū" to emphasize the character of Noriko Fuwa. Being the first Miss Kintarō Manjyū seems to be the only claim to fame for Noriko.



Kya kya, page 58

Kya kya is an onomatopoeia used to express excitement and a happy mood, it is mostly used by young girls and children.



"I'm going back to my family home!", page 60

This is a clichéd phrase used in Japan. It's usually used in situations where a married couple has a fight, and the wife (or sometimes the husband) decides to leave the house and go back to their family home.



HP1000, page 61

HP means "hit points." Readers who play role-playing games are probably familiar with it. HP shows how much damage a character or enemy takes from the opponent. The bigger the HP, the more damage a character can endure. In this scene, Azusa drew Rise as a pig monster with an HP of 1000 and himself as the brave hero.

Balse, page 123

It is from the animated movie *Castle in the Sky*, which was created by Hayao Miyazaki and released in 1986 in Japan. It is a Spell of Destruction, and is used to destroy the flying castle.

Obi, page 123

Obi is a strip of paper wrapped around the cover of books for sales promotion purposes. It is created by the publisher. On this *obi*, things like quotes and comments from celebrities, messages from the editor or the publisher, and special advertising information is printed. In the Japanese first edition of *Gakuen Prince* volume 2, Chiaki Kuriyama wrote a blurb.

Chiaki Kuriyama, page 123

Chiaki Kuriyama is a popular actress and model in Japan. Her trademark is her long beautiful black hair and eccentric eyes. She starred in many movies and TV dramas in Japan and made her Hollywood debut in the movie *Kill Bill, Volume 1* by Quentin Tarantino in 2003. Her role in the movie was Gogo Yubari, a bodyguard of a yakuza mistress.